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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 6 PLENARY SESSIONS

1. GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED IN MORNING WITH FOLLOWING  
DELEGATIONS MAKING STATEMENTS:

2. CANADA - INDICATED IT WOULD RESPOND MOST TO LDCA TAKING  
INITIATIVES EXPAND FOOD PRODUCTION. OUTLINED FOOD AID POLICY  
INCLUDING SUPPORT FOR THREE YEAR FORWARD PLANNING AND A  
PLEDGE OF ONE MILLION TONS WHEAT FOR FOOD AID (A SUBSTANTIAL  
INCREASE OVER CURRENT LEVEL). LOOKED FOR TRADE  
IMPROVEMENT TO COME NOT IN WFC BUT IN MTN.

3. KOREA - GAVE STRONG SUPPORT TO FOOD INFORMATION SYSTEM,  
ANNOUNCED EXPECTED SELF-SUFFICIENCY, AT LEAST IN RICE, BY  
1976 AND URGED ELIMINATION ALL FACTORS INTERFERING WITH  
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INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

4. UNITED KINGDOM - SUGGESTED LDCS RESTRICT POPULATION GROWTH TO RATE OF GROWTH OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, OPPOSED CREATION NEW INTERNATIONAL BODIES, ANNOUNCED INCREASE OF 25,000 TONS FERTILIZER ASSISTANCE, WHICH IT ACKNOWLEDGED WAS "DROP IN THE OCEAN" AND EXPRESSED HOPE EC FOOD INITIATIVES WOULD BENEFIT LDCS.

5. SUDAN - PLACED EMPHASIS ON TRADE MATTERS, NEED FOR FOOD PRICE STABILITY, WHICH MAINLY DEPENDENT ON COST OF INPUTS SUCH AS FERTILIZERS, FARM MACHINERY.

6. UNITED STATES - SECRETARY BUTZ' SPEECH WAS WELL RECEIVED.

7. HUNGARY - PLEDGED 25 PERCENT INCREASE IN WFC CONTRIBUTION AND MADE MILD, ALMOST PERFUNCTORY COMMENT REGRETTING PRG REPRESENTATIVES WERE NOT PRESENT AT CONFERENCE.

8. INDIA - LAID BLAME FOR LDC PLIGHT TO PRIOR COLONIZATION AND CURRENT RESTRICTIVE TRADE PRACTICES. ANNOUNCED INTENTION INTRODUCE SEPARATE RESOLUTION ON IRRIGATION FOR WFC CONSIDERATION. INDIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, WHO GAVE STATEMENT, MADE SEVERAL FAVORABLE REFERENCES TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH AND ENDORSED THE THREE PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTATIVE GROUPS MADE THEREIN.

9. ITALY - NOTED BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR SOME COUNTRIES TO OFFER FOOD AID. URGED LDC INCREASE IN BOTH FOOD PRODUCTION AND EXPORT EARNINGS.

10. FRG - URGED LDC INFRASTRUCTURE CHANGES, ESPECIALLY IN RURAL AREAS AND ANNOUNCED INTENTION SPEND FOOD AID WHERE IT WILL DO MOST GOOD; I.E. TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES RATHER THAN POSSIBLY FOR RELIEF.

11. IN AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION, WHICH CONTINUED UNTIL 7:45 P.M., SPEECHES WERE MADE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF POLAND, SWEDEN, IRAN, ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT, DENMARK, TURKEY, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, SPAIN, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL AND GHANA.

12. SWEDEN ANNOUNCED IT WOULD COMMIT 75,000 TONS OF CEREALS ANNUALLY FOR FOOD AID AND EMERGENCIES AND WOULD EARMARK 40,000 TONS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCIES.

12. IRAN REVIEWED ITS FEBRUARY 22, 1974 AID OFFER AND CLAIMED TO HAVE PROVIDED 7.7 BILLION DOLLARS IN BILATERAL

AND MULTILATERAL AID, NEARLY 6 PERCENT OF GNP. IT ALSO CALLED FOR SERIOUS SUPPORT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POPULATION POLICIES.

14. JAPAN SAID IT WAS WILLING TO BEAR A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF COSTS FOR PUTTING INFORMATION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM INTO OPERATION SPEEDILY.

15. AUSTRALIA SUPPORTED CANADA'S COMMITMENT IN MORNING FOR UP TO 50 MILLION DOLLARS TO MEET IMMEDIATE FOOD NEEDS, AND COMMITTED ITSELF TO PROPORTIONATE AMOUNT FOR THIS PROBLEM.

16. BRAZIL SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF RESEARCH CENTERS, AND FINANCING OF FOOD RESEARCH SYSTEM BY PRODUCERS AND SIGNATOS, PERMITTING RECIPIENT COUNTRY TO DRAW ON RESERVES AT LOW INTEREST UNTIL POSSIBLY NEXT YEAR'S CROP.

17. GHANA STRESSED NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION ON PROCESSING, STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD. VOLPE

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